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Chairman's Chatter

Well, we are into February, and it is the start of an exciting time as we prepare for the club's presence at several shows during 2012.

The Show Interest form has been reviewed and those with reasonable interest have been "adopted" as being Club events. It is good to see that some local events have been adopted as well as those by the professional event organisers, and some new ones for the club. We have also be filling in some of the missing dates for shows which we will pass on to you at the February meeting

Paul Birchall will explain all of this, and from hereon in, be issuing the appropriate forms so that you can fill in your details, and ensure that you get a place at the shows you wish to attend. It is important to note that the form for the First Tatton show, in June, will need to be completed at **the February meeting**, as bookings for this show are intense. We need to make sure that we will be there.

May I remind you all, that to go to any show where the Club is exhibiting, you must be a paid up member to be covered by the Club's insurance policy. This will be checked prior to any ticket application. Sorry to be so serious, but it is necessary to protect the club from any financial burdens.

I, for my sins, have got roped in to exhibit at the Events City Classic Show in March with the Sunbeam Alpine Owners Club. I've not done this one before and the car's MOT is just before it, so I will have to pull my finger out to get it ready in time. I think Big Jim also attends this show with the Zodiac crew.

I would like to thank all of you who attended the Club's After Xmas Meal at the Memphis Belle on the 21st Jan. I thought it was an excellent venue, and they catered for us very well. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

The shows are getting ever nearer.

Russ



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Next Meeting 13th March

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Please note: The third party liability insurance which the club has taken out only covers members when attending events which have been booked through the club. For other events attended individually, please make sure you are covered by your own insurance.

BITS & PIECES

For club polo/sweat shirts contact Kosi Kare and ask for Mel. Tell her your a member of NWCC and choose which design you want. Standard club colours are blue or white but you can have the club logo on any colour, eg: to match your car. Contact Kosi Kare on 01942 323868.

For other products you can shop online at www.kosikare.co.uk/.

AIDS WARNING!

To all of you approaching 50 or have REACHED 50 and past, this email is especially for you.....

SENIOR CITIZENS ARE THE NATION'S LEADING CARRIERS OF AIDS!

HEARING AIDS, BAND AIDS,
ROLL AIDS, WALKING AIDS,
MEDICAL AIDS, GOVERNMENT AIDS

MOST OF ALL,

MONETARY AID TO THEIR KIDS!

Not forgetting HIV

(Hair is Vanishing)

Pothole damage costs UK drivers on average £400 in a year and he will encounter 10 potholes every day. The average road in England is resurfaced every 65 years. At the current rate of funding it will take councils 11 years to repair last winter's damage.

If you're replacing the brake vacuum servo hoses, make sure that any such hose will resist a vacuum - it might well resist *pressure* but it might collapse if subjected to a vacuum.

In 1921 there were 873,700 vehicles on Britain's roads – and 62,621 accidents. In 1928 there were 2,036,000 vehicles and 147,582 accidents. In 57% of the accidents the speed was stated to be under 10 mph.

I was once thrown out of the Vauxhall Owner's Club because I didn't like Vauxhall's late 1970s saloons. They said they didn't like my Cavalier attitude.



Wellington @ Hale Village



An invite to a new show for 2011 at Hale village came via Ian Trimble. The venue was to be The Wellington pub, where we would be parked in the car park, in October.

We decided to take the Humber along for a day out and also the trailer so we would have somewhere to shelter; well, it was October after all.

There was no need to worry about the weather, however, as the Saturday turned out to be glorious. About fourteen cars turned up and we soon had the gazebos and signs up where they could be seen



from the road. A big thank you goes to Maria for supplying us

with bacon butties while we chatted and showed off our cars.



Around lunchtime the landlord brought out a plate of sandwiches and a little later came out again with the landlady, and a clipboard, and judged all the vehicles. After some notes were taken they decided our Humber was their favourite and we were presented with a lovely glass

and silver rose bowl. They are hoping to make this an annual event so try to make it this year. If you're not bothered about sandwiches at lunch time, the pub serves some really nice food.



Club Events

- Drive it Day - Apr. 22nd
- Culcheth - May (date tbc)
- Cholmondeley - May 13th
- Tatton Park - June 2nd-4th
- Hale Carnival - June 9th
- Road Run - June 24th.
- Ferry Show - July 1st
- Oulton Park - July 14th-15th
- Bodelwydden - July 22nd
- Warrington TC - July (date tbc)
- Woodvale - Aug. 3rd-6th
- Tatton Park - Aug 18th-19th
- Cholmondeley - Sept. 2nd
- Bury Festival - Sept 9th
- Wellington, Hale - Oct. (date tbc)



Jaguar Tour

An idea from Paul Birchall for a visit to the Jaguar factory in Castle Bromwich proved to be an excellent change. A quick trip down the M6 took us to a nearby Toby Carvery (The Bradford Arms) for carvery lunch before the tour.



The tour itself started in the reception area of the factory with an introductory video and handing out high-viz vests and radio receiver headphones. We were then taken by minibus to the XK-R production line. Following our tour guides (we were split into two smaller groups) we could see the start of the manufacturing process from a single panel being prepared right through to finished cars.

It was fascinating to watch the robots carrying out each of the assembly methods. All the aluminium panels are bonded then riveted together with no welding whatsoever. There are around two hundred cars in the system at any one time and all are pre-ordered. Jaguar don't make lots of cars and then try to sell them.



The XK-R was designed initially as a convertible and then the coupé was built around that so that the coupé has also got all the strengthening of the soft top. Both are assembled on the same line, one getting a roof, the other not. When the bodies come out of the paint shop the mechanical equipment and interiors come together with the correct bodies to be fitted by human teams. These include the correct engine/transmission, suspension, wheels, interior and sound system. They all arrive by the side of, or underneath, the correct body just at the right time.

Unfortunately, we were not allowed to take photographs in the factory so could only take them of the finished cars in the reception after the tour.

Your Driving Licence

What kind of driving licence do you have. Is it the modern two part licence with photocard or the old paper licence.? Either way it looks like we are in for some changes by 2015.

The Department for Transport has said it intends to recall paper driving licences effectively abolishing them. According to the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) there are still around 12 million of the old style paper licences in circulation – so more than a quarter of all motorists have yet to switch to a photocard.

This isn't the only change as the newer two part licences will also be in for change. The paper part of the new style licence known as the 'counterpart' driving licence is also set to be axed. The Department for Transport (DfT) has revealed that the document, issued with the photocard licence, will be scrapped in 2014.

This is all part of an efficiency program at the (DVLA), driver records will be stored on an online database within three years. As this enables the police or other in

terested parties to quickly check whether a motorist has any points on their licence via the Web, without needing to see the counterpart document, it has rendered the paper documents obsolete.

Organisations such as employers and insurers are included in the list of interested parties that will be able to check an individual's endorsements, although only with the consent of the driver.

So that means we will all be going over to the photocard style licence by around 2015. One question but I am hiring a car abroad this year and the hirer says they will not accept a photocard licence on its own and people with this type of licence must produce the 'counterpart' section of their when taking delivery of the hire car. I haven't seen anything which explains how this requirement will be met under the new arrangements.

Thanks to -

Chris Lee

Retirement Plans

No nursing home for us. We'll be checking into a Holiday Inn!



With the average cost for a nursing home care costing £188.00 per day, there is a better way when we get old and too feeble. I've already checked on reservations at the Holiday Inn. For a combined long term stay discount and senior discount, it's £59.23 per night.



Breakfast is included, and some have happy hours in the afternoon.

That leaves £128.77 a day for lunch and dinner in any restaurant we want, or room service, laundry, gratuities and special TV movies. Plus, they provide a spa, swimming pool, a workout room, a lounge and washer-dryer, etc. Most have free toothpaste and razors, and all have free shampoo and soap. £5 worth of tips a day you'll have the entire staff scrambling to help you.



They treat you like a customer, not a patient. There's a bus stop out front, and seniors ride free. For a change of scenery, take the airport shuttle bus and eat at one of the nice restaurants there. While you're



at the airport, fly somewhere. Otherwise, the cash keeps building up.

It takes months to get into decent nursing homes. Holiday Inn will take your reservation today. And you're not stuck in one place forever -- you can move from Inn to Inn, or even from city to city.

Want to see Scotland? They have Holiday Inn there too. TV broken? Light bulbs need changing? Need a mattress replaced? No problem.. They fix everything, and apologize for the inconvenience. The Inn has a night security person and daily room service. The maid checks to see if you are ok. If not, they'll call an ambulance . . . or the undertaker.



If you fall and break a hip, NHS will pay for the hip, and Holiday Inn will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life. And no worries about visits from family. They will always be glad to find you, and probably check in for a few days mini-vacation. The grandkids can use the pool.



What more could I ask for? So, when I reach that golden age, I'll face it with a grin.

Thanks to Chris Lee



